

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 15 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

In the Advisory Action, the examiner continues his rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 112, saying that the reference to “vehicle seat” at line 4 is indefinite. Although Applicant does not agree with this conclusion, the present amendment to claim 1 is made to more clearly move the references to “vehicle seat” fully into the preamble, such that the claimed spring device operates on vehicle seats described in the preamble. Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner enter this amendment to put the case in better condition for the appeal that Applicant will file.

In addition, Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner reconsider his position that the term “less” at lines 13-14 of claim 1 is indefinite. To help the examiner understand that it is not indefinite to refer to air volumes that are less than other air volumes, Applicant suggests that the examiner imagine two containers, each connected to a valve that can be switched to allow air flow access to either both containers or just one container. Each container contains a given volume of air. When the valve is switched from accessing both containers to just one container, it is seen that the volume of air being accessed is less. Thus, if the goal were to compress the air to which the valve allows access, when the valve is open to both containers, the combined volumes of air are being compressed, but if the valve is switched to allow air flow to just one container then a “lesser” volume of air is being compressed. Perhaps this will give the examiner an understanding of why Applicant considers the claim to be definite.

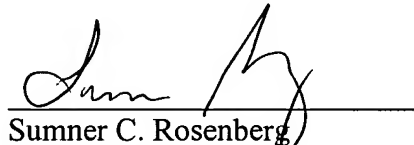
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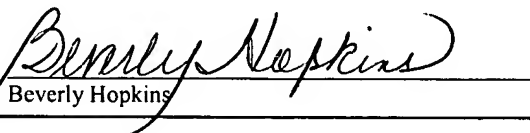
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